

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

POLICY / PROCEDURE



SUBJECT: CONTINUING CARE SERVICES FOR HOSPITALIZED LAC/DMH CLIENTS	POLICY NO. 202.4	EFFECTIVE DATE 10/01/89	PAGE 1 of 1
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PURPOSE: 1.1 To provide hospitalized clients with a continuing care plan established prior to their discharge.

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2.1 Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) clients requiring inpatient hospitalization shall be provided continuing care services to assist in obtaining and maintaining appropriate placement and treatment in the community as soon as clinically indicated and appropriate.

2.2 Whenever possible and desired by the client, the services specified in the plan are to be provided at or near the client's most recent place of residence.

2.3 The following Departmental Divisions shall establish procedures to fulfill this policy:

- Program Services
- Office of the Public Guardian
- Children and Youth Services Bureau
- Forensic Mental Health Services Bureau

2.4 This policy shall be applicable in all facilities providing psychiatric hospitalization to DMH clients.

AUTHORITY: Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5622
Health and Safety Code, Section 1284